

FISCAL NOTE

HB 17

January 25, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new cause of action against drug dealers for damages sustained by all those who have been harmed, economically or otherwise, by the users of illegal drugs obtained from the defendant's line of distribution. Persons and entities recovering damages may include parents, employers, insurers, governmental entities, and others who pay for drug treatment or assistance programs, as well as infants injured as a result of exposure to drugs while *in utero*.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Exceeds \$100,000

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

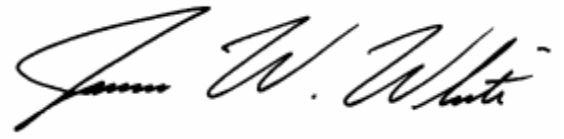
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- State departments that provide treatment and services to persons who have been harmed by the users of illegal drugs and drug users may recover some costs for services from defendants.
- Some increase in state expenditures to pursue such cases, which are estimated to be not significant.
- There will be some increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenues from fees, taxes, and costs collected. Such increases will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director